Departments Under Purview of The RTI

1109. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the issue pertaining to Departments, Ministries, etc. that come under purview of the Right to Information;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Full Information Commission has come to the conclusion recently that Right to Information does not apply to all judcial proceedings;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the tax tribunals have also been exempted from the purview of Right to Information; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The Right to Information Act mandates all public authorities including the Ministries and Departments to comply with all the provisions of the Act.

(b) and (c) A bench consisting of the Chief Information Commissioner and two Central Information Commissioners has *inter-alia*, held in a case related to disclosure of the proceedings of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal that the Section 4(1) (d) of the Act does not apply to judicial proceedings conducted by a Court or a Tribunal and recourse to the Act cannot be taken to challenge a judicial decision regarding disclosure of information falling within the jurisdiction of the concerned judicial authority.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Sub-Plan For Minorities

1110. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were reports of a sub-plan for minorities in the Eleventh Five Year Plan to implement Sachar Committee recommendations;

(b) whether that plan has been rejected; and

(c) if so, the reason therefor

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Doesn't arise.

(c) Deosn't arise.

Projects Under Bharat Nirman Programme

1111. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's Bharat Nirman Programme has a long way to meet its targets in sectors like irrigaiton, road, power, drinking water, and telecommunication;